UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

### NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE

23770

7590

12/11/2007

PAULA D. MORRIS THE MORRIS LAW FIRM, P.C. 10260 WESTHEIMER, SUITE 360 HOUSTON, TX 77042-3110

EXAMINER						
LAVILLA	, MICHAEL E					
ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER					
1794						

DATE MAILED: 12/11/2007

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/693,076	10/24/2003	Ronghua Wei	SWRI-2890-04	3382

TITLE OF INVENTION: TUBULAR STRUCTURES WITH COATED INTERIOR SURFACES

	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
_	nonprovisional	YES	\$720	\$300	\$0	\$1020	03/11/2008

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. <u>PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED</u>. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

THE ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE (IF REQUIRED) MUST BE PAID WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED. SEE 35 U.S.C. 151. THE ISSUE FEE DUE INDICATED ABOVE DOES NOT REFLECT A CREDIT FOR ANY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE IN THIS APPLICATION. IF AN ISSUE FEE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN PAID IN THIS APPLICATION (AS SHOWN ABOVE), THE RETURN OF PART B OF THIS FORM WILL BE CONSIDERED A REQUEST TO REAPPLY THE PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE TOWARD THE ISSUE FEE NOW DUE.

#### HOW TO REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:

I. Review the SMALL ENTITY status shown above.

If the SMALL ENTITY is shown as YES, verify your current SMALL ENTITY status:

- A. If the status is the same, pay the TOTAL FEE(S) DUE shown above.
- B. If the status above is to be removed, check box 5b on Part B Fee(s) Transmittal and pay the PUBLICATION FEE (if required) and twice the amount of the ISSUE FEE shown above, or

If the SMALL ENTITY is shown as NO:

- A. Pay TOTAL FEE(S) DUE shown above, or
- B. If applicant claimed SMALL ENTITY status before, or is now claiming SMALL ENTITY status, check box 5a on Part B Fee(s) Transmittal and pay the PUBLICATION FEE (if required) and 1/2 the ISSUE FEE shown above.
- II. PART B FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL, or its equivalent, must be completed and returned to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with your ISSUE FEE and PUBLICATION FEE (if required). If you are charging the fee(s) to your deposit account, section "4b" of Part B Fee(s) Transmittal should be completed and an extra copy of the form should be submitted. If an equivalent of Part B is filed, a request to reapply a previously paid issue fee must be clearly made, and delays in processing may occur due to the difficulty in recognizing the paper as an equivalent of Part B.
- III. All communications regarding this application must give the application number. Please direct all communications prior to issuance to Mail Stop ISSUE FEE unless advised to the contrary.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Utility patents issuing on applications filed on or after Dec. 12, 1980 may require payment of maintenance fees. It is patentee's responsibility to ensure timely payment of maintenance fees when due.

### PART B - FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL

Complete and send this form, together with applicable fee(s), to: Mail

Mail Stop ISSUE FEE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
or Fax (571)-273-2885

INSTRUCTIONS: This appropriate. All further indicated unless corrected maintenance fee notifical	correspondence includired below or directed oth	ng the Pa	atent advance or	ders and notification	of m orres	aintenance fees woondence address;	ill be and/or	mailed to the current (b) indicating a sepa	correspondence addi rate "FEE ADDRES	ress as SS" for
CURRENT CORRESPONDI	ENCE ADDRESS (Note: Use Bl	ock 1 for ar	ny change of address)		Fee(s	s) Transmittal. Thi rs. Each additional	s certif I paper	can only be used for icate cannot be used for such as an assignment ling or transmission.	domestic mailings or any other accompa at or formal drawing	of the anying , must
10260 WESTHE	ORRIS LAW FIRM, P.C. EIMER, SUITE 360	<b>/2007</b>			I her State	Cert eby certify that thing s Postal Service we essed to the Mail	tificate is Fee(s tith suf Stop	of Mailing or Transi ) Transmittal is being ficient postage for firs ISSUE FEE address 1) 273-2885, on the da	deposited with the last class mail in an envalue, or being fac	United velope simile
HOUSTON, TX	77042-3110								(Depositor's	s name)
									(Sig	gnature)
										(Date)
APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE			FIRST NAMED INVEN	TOR		ATTO	RNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION N	Ю.
10/693,076	10/24/2003			Ronghua Wei		•	S	WRI-2890-04	3382	
FITLE OF INVENTION	: TUBULAR STRUCTU	JRES W	ITH COATED IN	ITERIOR SURFACE	S					
APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSU	UE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE D	DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE	E FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE	
nonprovisional	YES		\$720	\$300		\$0		\$1020	03/11/2008	
EXAM	INER	А	ART UNIT	CLASS-SUBCLASS	3					
LAVILLA, N	MICHAEL E		1794	428-634000						
"Fee Address" indi PTO/SB/47; Rev 03-0 Number is required.	ondence address (or Cha 3/122) attached.  cation (or "Fee Address' 2 or more recent) attach  ND RESIDENCE DATA ess an assignee is identin in 37 CFR 3.11. Comp	" Indicati ed. Use o	ion form of a Customer  PRINTED ON Tow, no assignee of this form is NOT		rnativ single or ag attor ll be p or type he pa g an a	firm (having as a gent) and the name news or agents. If rinted.	members of up no nam	er a 2 o to e is 3 entified below, the do	cument has been fil	ed for
Please check the appropri		categori	•				-	on or other private gro		nment
☐ Issue Fee				A check is enclose	ed.		•	•	•	
	o small entity discount p		•	Payment by credi	rehv	authorized to char	ge the r	equired fee(s), any det	iciency, or credit any	v
				overpayment, to I	Depos	it Account Number	r	(enclose ar	extra copy of this fo	orm).
	tus (from status indicated s SMALL ENTITY statu			☐ h Applicant is no	long	er claiming SM A I	I FNT	TITY status. See 37 CF	R 1 27(a)(2)	
NOTE: The Issue Fee and interest as shown by the r										arty in
Authorized Signature										
Typed or printed name										
This collection of informa in application. Confident ubmitting the completed his form and/or suggesti Sox 1450, Alexandria, V Alexandria. Virginia 223	ation is required by 37 C iality is governed by 35 application form to the ons for reducing this but irginia 22313-1450. DO 13-1450.	FR 1.31 U.S.C. 1 USPTO den, sho NOT SI	1. The information 122 and 37 CFR 1. Time will vary ould be sent to the END FEES OR C	n is required to obtain 1.14. This collection in depending upon the Chief Information COMPLETED FORM	or resis esti indivi officer	tain a benefit by the mated to take 12 ndual case. Any con J. U.S. Patent and THIS ADDRESS	ne publ ninutes mment Tradem . SENI	ic which is to file (and to complete, including s on the amount of tin lark Office, U.S. Depa O TO: Commissioner f	by the USPTO to programme, gathering, preparing the you require to continue to form the programmer of the programmer of Patents, P.O. Box	ocess) g, and mplete e, P.O.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.



# United States Patent and Trademark Office

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO. FILING DATE		FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.		
10/693,076 10/24/2003		Ronghua Wei	SWRI-2890-04	3382		
23770	7590 12/11/2007	EXAMINER				
PAULA D. MO	RRIS	LAVILLA, MICHAEL E				
THE MORRIS LA	AW FIRM, P.C.	ART UNIT PAPER NUMBE				
10260 WESTHEI HOUSTON, TX 7	MER, SUITE 360 77042-3110	1794 DATE MAILED: 12/11/200	7			

## Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 441 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 441 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) WEB site (http://pair.uspto.gov).

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (571)-272-7702. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at 1-(888)-786-0101 or (571)-272-4200.